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*Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
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One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

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Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Confessions @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

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First Communion

Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep

Marriage Prep

Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon



**2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
OLF GOAL FOR 2016 = \$13,948.00**

**PLEDGED THRU NOV 13 = \$10,480.
NEEDED TO REACH GOAL = \$3,468
OF PLEDGES = 56**

56 participants = 36% of our Parish

Please continue to pledge your support so we may reach our goal.

****REMEMBER-Your parish will have to pay the remainder if you do not.**

*We, as OLF Parishioners
could reach our goal if the
remaining 96 families that
have not pledged would
donate \$36.13 between
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parish would meet within
a few cents our goal of
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Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

12/01 Frank Prorok

12/03 Barbara Raichle

12/04 Butch Carper

12/06 Gretta Levine



12/06 Denise and Daniel Stitt



**NOCTURNAL ADORATION
will be held on Friday Dec 2nd
At
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2716 Broad Avenue
From 8-11 PM**

MONEY MATTERS AND ACA APPEAL...

**EARLY PUBLICATION OF THE BULLETIN BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS, ALL
MONEY MATTERS/ACA WILL BE UPDATED IN DECEMBER.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

10:30 AM

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions

Readings: Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Today's Intention = Joseph Wozniak

December 4, 2016, Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Lk 10:21-24

***Paul Cassarly, Larry and Patty Benton**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

November 28, Monday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza and Family

8:00 AM Lori Crilley (Kathie Civils)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Sandy & Sal Randazzo)

November 29, Tuesday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:45 AM

Health of Patricia Wall (Sister, Sylvia)

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Ron Fiochetta (Mark & Diane Moschella)

November 30, Wednesday: Saint Andrew, Apostle

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

6:45 AM Max Kessler (Mary Conrad)

***8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (Doris Smith / Fam.)**

12:00 PM Jim Davisdon (Pat Rhoads)

December 1, Thursday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Mt 6:21, 24-17

***6:45 AM George D. Barry (Green, Tyler, Mary, Barrys)**

8:00 AM Joanna Tetanich (Judy Kotzatoski)

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Helen & Andrew Farrell)

December 2, Friday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

6:45 AM Marian Clemens (Bob and Jean Jones)

8:00 AM John Bauer (Gina Romani)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Brooks and Karen Smith)

December 3, Saturday: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

8:00 AM Catherine Mincin (Stan and Susan Galant)

12:00 PM Herbert J. Kuttruff, Ann. (Sam & Judy Kokolis)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

5:00 PM Argenia 'Arg' Spoto (A. & B. Winkler)

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Jesus, Son of the Living Father Have Mercy on me, a sinner

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Advent often makes us think of the theme of waiting. The message of this week's Gospel reading is simple: "Stay awake! Christ is on his way." Be prepared like Noah, who alone of his generation believed God's promises to be true. Be prepared even if your preparation mystifies your friends and family. Be prepared, even in the midst of everyday activities.

In all of the readings, people are engaged in a journey. The prophet Isaiah summons all the nations to make a pilgrimage to the house of the Lord that is set on a mountain top. The summit of the mountain is the symbolic dwelling of the Lord. Jesus exhorts the disciples to be vigilant in their daily tasks; whether in the field or at the mill, they must be watchful for the coming of the Lord. As the season of Advent begins, we, too, are encouraged to look for all the times and ways that the Lord intervenes in our daily life.

The Gospel of Matthew addresses a crisis. The generation for which it was written, 50 years or more after Jesus' death and resurrection, was the first to accept that the Lord's return would be delayed. Fervent belief in Christ's imminent arrival energized an earlier generation of Christians. By Matthew's time that same belief brought Christians mockery and doubt. "What do we mean when we say Christ will come again?" Matthew's response lays the groundwork for Christian ethics. "Stay awake! No one knows the day or the hour. Act always as if Christ were near." Christ's arrival is not about the future, but the present. Christians must live in such a way that Christ could come at any moment and find them ready to meet the Lord.

The four weeks of Advent are a time to recommit to discovering Christ in our lives. As the lights of the wreath multiply, we must intensify our search for Christ's subtle light. This is a fitting time to undertake days of reflection, or practices like a daily examen or spiritual inventory. It is also a time for new joy. Training our hearts throughout Advent to catch sight of Christ's daily arrival will provide new reasons for Christmas joy. Let us stay awake, then! Christ is on his way.

- Advent is a time of light and hope. Where do you need light in your life? Where do you need hope restored?

Out and About...

Liturgical Reflection...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has directed the use of the revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony. The former rite was initially issued in 1969 following the Second Vatican Council. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown begins the use of the revised ritual beginning this first week of Advent. Workshops have occurred throughout the Diocese for clergy and liturgical musicians. The liturgical inserts will reflect on the theology of matrimony, the gift of married couples to the Church, and the different aspects of the revised ritual. It is hoped that all Catholics will gain a deepened appreciation and love for this great Sacrament of the Church.

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

First Sunday of Advent November 27th

Good Stewards know they are accountable and use their gifts to do God's will. Stay awake for opportunities to share your time, talents and treasures!

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UPDATE...

6 MO. OLD GWENDOLYN LEVINE CAME HOME ABOUT A WEEK AGO!

MOTHER ABBIE, GRANDMA LISA, GRANDPA TOM, AUNTIE GRETTE, ARE OVERJOYED (and exhausted to say the least)! GRANDPA-GREAT JIM RILEY IS A WALKING SMILE. GREAT-AUNT POLLY IS OUT BUYING UP ALL THE FAIRY FIGURINES SHE CAN FIND NAMED "GWEN". I'm sure the families would like a few weeks of down-time....

List of the Deanery Penance Services:

Sun., December 4 - Saint Joseph's, Bellwood - 5 PM

Sun., December 4 - Saint John's, Lakemont - 5 PM

Mon., December 5 - Saint Mark's - 6 PM

Sat., December 10 - Saint Therese - 10 AM

Mon., December 12 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 7 PM

Tue., December 13 - Holy Rosary - 6:30 PM

Wed., December 14 - Cathedral - 6:30 PM

Thu., December 15 - Our Lady of Lourdes - 5:30 PM

Thu., December 15 - Sacred Heart - 5:30 PM

Mon., December 19 - Saint Rose of Lima - 7 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

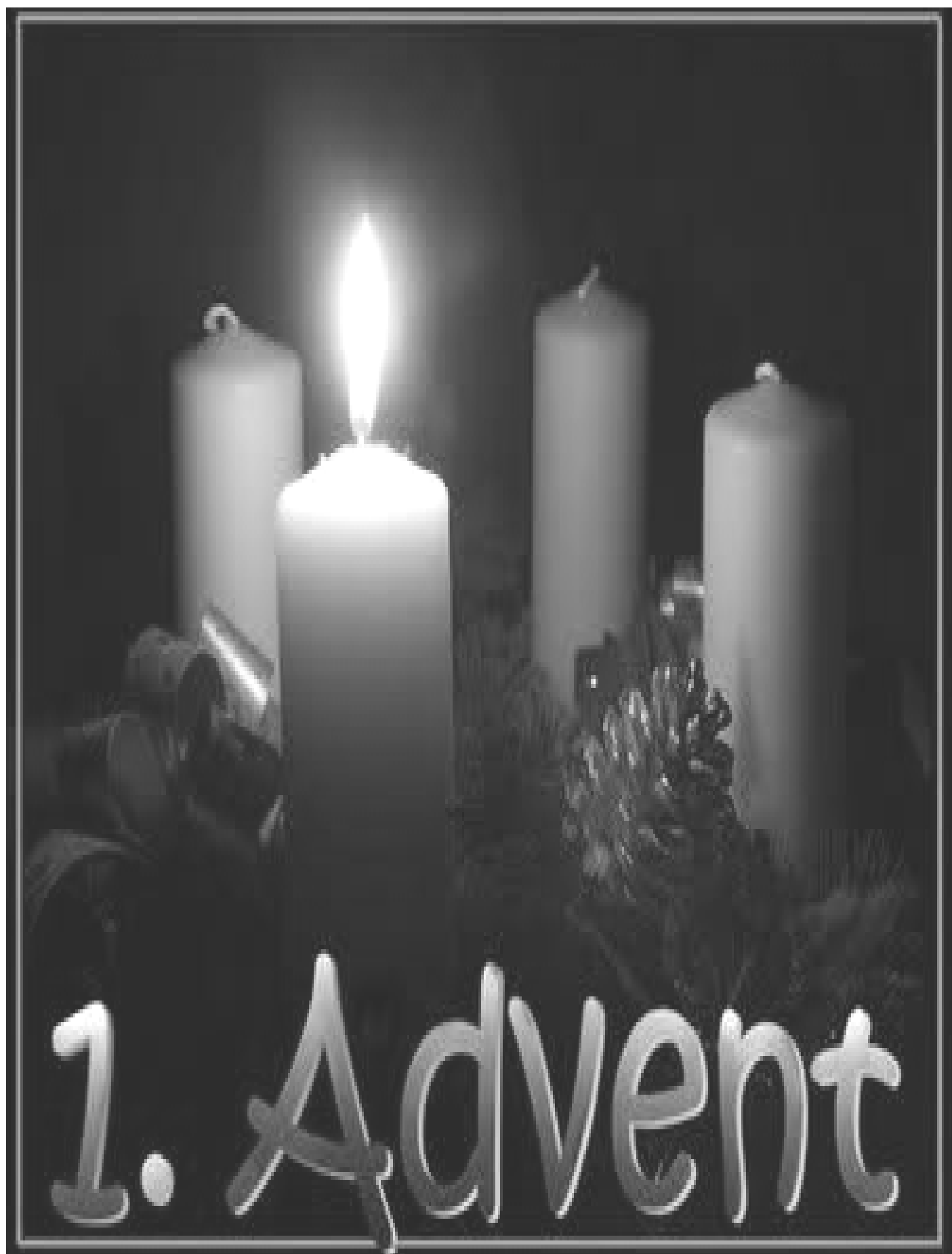
F.I.R.E. SESSIONS-6:15 PM-8:30 PM Students Grades 9-11 with parent or guardian, meet in the Seton Suite on Dec 4 and 18.

Sacraments Class Offered (2 Locations)

This 8 week course will focus on an understanding of the Sacraments today. Participants will study the post Vatican II theologies of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Sacrament of Healing, Marriage, Holy Orders and the central mystery of our faith, the Mass. The course is being offered at 2 locations this January, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament – Seton Suite, Altoona; Msgr. Robert Mazur, instructor and St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael; Father D. Timothy Grimme, instructor. The cost of registration and material, which includes a book on each sacrament, is \$65. Registration forms are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lav-ecclesial-ministry or by contacting Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

Calendars of Prizes 2017 Are Here!

Calendars of Prizes 2017 are being sold at the Cathedral Square door after all Masses. Like last year, each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$10.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$5,000.00 Family Trip or Cash Option. Due to the state regulations for small games of chance, it is necessary that all one thousand tickets be sold. Otherwise, the parish will lose money on unsold tickets. If you have a favorite three digit number, call the Parish Office (944-4603) weekdays between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM to check on availability or stop at the Cathedral Square door after Mass. These make great gifts that last all year!



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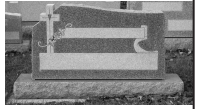
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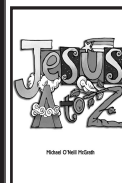
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